2nd September 1959]

* 90-D Q.—Sri K. VINAYAKAM,
Sri A. A. RASHEED,
Sri S. PAKKIRISWAMY PILLAI : } Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(a) the progress so far made to start the Madhavaram Milk Colony;

(b) what the amount of loan so far granted for this project is; and

(c) when it is likely to be completed?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) The buildings required for accommodating the first unit of 500 heads of cattle are receiving final touches and ready for admitting cattle by the middle of October 1959. The construction of buildings for three more units of cattle and the Central Dairy is expected to be commenced shortly. Steps have also been taken to secure necessary machineries and plants to set up the Central Dairy.

(b) No loan has been sanctioned so far under the project.

(c) By the end of the Second Five-Year Plan period.

Sri K. VINAYAKAM : Did the Government receive any representation from the milkmen of the City of Madras showing resistance to the movement, fearing lack of provision in the colony?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I am not aware of any such resistence on the part of the milkmen. Rather, the Milk Commissioner is in touch with the milkmen and actually there are offers from milkmen to settle in the colony.

Sri V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR : Sir, is it a fact that milkmen owning ten or fifteen cows and doing business in milk have registered their names with the result that the small men with lesser number of cows have the feeling that they may not be having a chance to enter the colony?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I have no information about it. The Milk Commissioner is looking into all aspects of the question.

Sri A. A. RASHEED : Sir, what is the quantity of milk expected to be produced in this colony?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The Central Dairy at Madhavaram is expected to handle about 1·50 to 2 lakh lb. of milk a day.

Banana Regional Research Institute

* 90-C Q.—Sri K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Banana Regional Research Institutes that are to be organised under the Second Plan;

(*b*) the number organised so far; and

(*c*) the details of the research work carried on in these?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) & (*b*) The Central Banana Research Station, Aduthurai, is the only Research Station for research work on banana under the purview of the Second Plan.

(*c*) The following research work is carried on in the Research Station at Aduthurai :—

(i) Study of the various kinds of Bananas collected to reduce the confusion existing in nomenclature and to evolve a suitable key for their classification;

(ii) Hybridisation to evolve new varieties possessing desirable qualities, such as heavy yield, good quality and resistance to diseases;

(iii) Several experiments on various aspects of banana cultivation, such as spacing desuckering, irrigation, manuring, etc., for improving the existing manurial and cultural practice.

SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR : *கேரள எல்லையில் இருக்கக் கூடிய செங்கோட்டை, கன்யாகுமரி பிரதேசங்களில் பலதரப்பட்ட வாழைகள் பயிரிடப்படுகின்றன. அங்கு எதாவது ஆராய்ச்சி செய்வதற்கு சர்க்காரிடம் திட்டம் இருக்கிறதா ?*

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : *இப்போது அவ்வாறு ஒன்றும் உத்தேசம் இல்லை.*

MR. SPEAKER : Questions are over.

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the member.**]

II.—GOVERNMENT BILLS.

(1) THE MADRAS AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE MARKETS BILL, 1959 (L.A. BILL NO. 9 OF 1959)—*cont.*

MR. SPEAKER : We shall now proceed with the Madras Agricultural Produce Markets Bill. Yesterday, the House passed the motion that the Bill be taken into consideration. We shall now take up the consideration of clauses.

Clause 2.

MR. SPEAKER : The motion is—

"That clause 2 do stand part of the Bill."

SRI S. LAZAR : Sir, I move—

"In sub-clause (1) omit the words 'and any other produce . . . . purpose of the Act'."

The amendment was duly seconded.